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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commission:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

4-D February 18, 2014

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**AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION AND LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS FOR GRANT FUNDS TO
IMPLEMENT A NOISE COMPATIBILITY PROGRAM IN UNINCORPORATED LENNOX AND
ATHENS
(DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The letter recommends the authorization of the submission of annual applications to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) up to an aggregate amount of \$57,000,000 in Airport Improvement Program grant funds, and to the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) for a minimum of \$14,250,000 in supplemental grant funds, for continued implementation of the Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP) in unincorporated Lennox and Athens.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit annual applications, and any related documents, to FAA for Airport Improvement Program grant funds for continued implementation of the RSIP program in unincorporated Lennox and Athens.
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit annual applications, and any related documents, to LAWA for supplemental grant funds for continued implementation of the RSIP program in unincorporated Lennox and Athens.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute and, if required, amend all documents required to receive FAA and LAWA grant funds and to administer the RSIP program, following approval as to form by County Counsel.

4. Find that submission of applications and related documents is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as described herein, because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the actions is to submit annual applications to FAA for Airport Improvement Program grant funds and to LAWA for supplemental grant funds to provide for the continued implementation of the Commission's RSIP program in unincorporated Lennox and Athens. The Commission anticipates sound insulating approximately 1,463 dwelling units, using up to \$57,000,000 in FAA Airport Improvement grant funds and a minimum of \$14,250,000 in supplemental grant funds from LAWA.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the County General fund. The RSIP program will be funded utilizing FAA and LAWA grant funds. Funds will be awarded by FAA and LAWA on an annual basis and included the Commission's annual budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 17, 1991, your Board authorized the Commission to submit an application to FAA and LAWA for Airport Improvement Program grant funds to implement a noise compatibility program for properties located within the flight path of Los Angeles International Airport. The FAA and LAWA subsequently approved annual applications spanning over 21 years, for a total allocation of \$118,825,000 for the Commission's RSIP program to sound insulate 2,471 dwelling units. The FAA and LAWA funding sources cover specific geographical areas. Based on their geographic location, residential properties are eligible for LAWA and FAA funding.

The Commission is requesting authority to continue the RSIP program for approximately 1,463 additional dwelling units. The Commission will apply on an annual basis to FAA and LAWA for funding as needed for implementation of the program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 35(a)(5), because it involves grant applications that will not have any physical impacts that could alter existing environmental conditions. This action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of the applications will reduce the exterior noise impact for approximately 1,463 dwelling units improving the quality of life for approximately 6,583 persons within the Lennox and Athens communities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Rogan", followed by a horizontal line.

SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

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